**Production of tetracycline**

2212. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 974 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th November 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenous production of Tetracyline Hcl caters around 75 per cent of total requirement of the country;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that the difference between landed cost of import of drug and the price taken for fixation of formulation prices is around Rs.300 per Kg;

(c) what is the amount recovered under Equalisation Fund Account from formulaters due to Tetracycline from 1980 upto 30th November 1985;

(d) what is the consumption of Tetracycline and its salts separately by Hoechst Sandoz Cyanamide, Griflon and Unique during the last three years yearwise along with the source of procurement of mterial and the price paid kg; and

(e) what was the sales turn over of formulations based on Tetracycline and its salts of the above mentioned companies during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) During the year 1984-85 imports of Tetracycline constituted about 11 per cent of the total availability.

(b) The difference between the price taken in the formulations and the landed cost of the imported bulk drug varies from consignment to consignment.

(c) No amount has so far been recovered into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account, due to Tetracycline.

(d) and (e) These details are not available.

**Plant and machinery of IDPL for manufacturing drugs**

2213. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 971 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November 1985 and state:

(a) when were the plant and machinery installed by IDPL from manufacture of Erythromycin, Metranidazole, Piperazine and its salts, Thiacetazone and Doxycycline along with date and total value spent on each;

(b) when was the production of each commenced and what was the production year-wise from the year of commencement of production;

(c) what is the permitted capacity and installed capacity created for each drug by IDPL;

(d) which are the drugs for which foreign technology has been obtained so far and at what price;

(e) whether it is a fact that a number of other companies are producing these drugs with indigenous technology and are successful in their efforts;

(f) if so, what are the names of other units permitted capacity of each drug of each company along with production of drug during the last three years, yearwise; and

(g) what is the price fixed by Government and the present market price of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Formulations at Reduced price**

2214. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced the prices of Metranidazole Benzoate;

(b) if so, when;

(c) what were the earlier and reduced prices;

(d) whether the formulations based on these drugs were also reduced;

(e) if so, when and what were the earlier and reduced prices of each pack and strength of formulations based on these drugs;

(f) whether it is a fact that formulation have not implemened the reduced prices and are selling at the old prices;

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what was the purpose of reduction of prices if the benefit did not reach the public;

(h) whether any penal action was taken against the companies; and

(i) if not, what are the reason therefor and by when the formulations will be available at reduced prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) A Statement giving the information is enclosed. (*See below*)

(d) to (i) Consequent to the reduction in price of Metronidazole and Metronidazole Benzoate on 14th November, 1984, the prices of formulations were also reduced. Manufacturers of bulk drug and manufacturers of formulations represented to the Government. After taking decision on the representation of the bulk drug manufacturers, the price of both the drugs have since been revised w.e.f. 25th September, 1985. Action on the representations of the manufacturers of formulations is already on. A statement showing the earlier leader prices and revised leader prices of formulations based on two drugs is attached.

**Statement**

(Rs./Kg)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Bulk Drug | Date of fixation of prices under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 16-1-1981 | 14-11-1984 | 25-9-1985 |
| 1 | Metronidazole | 497.98 | 363.00 | 450.00 |
| 2 | Metronidazole Benzoate | 600.00 | 445.00 | 511.00 |

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of the formulation and strength | Pack Size | Earlier leader price excluding excise duty | Revised leader price excluding excise duty |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | (Rs.) | (Rs.) |
| 1 | Metronidazole Tablets 200mg/tablet | 10's strip | 2.76 | 2·06 |
| 2 | Metronidazole Tablets 400mg/tablets | 10's strip | 5.10 | 3·86 |
| 3 | Metronidazole Syrup 50mg/5ml | 50 ml bottle | 5.38 | 5·19 |
| 4 | Metronidazole Paediatric | 100 ml bottle | 9.08 | — |
| 5 | Metronidazole Suspension 320 mg/5 ml | 30 ml bottle | 5.50 | 4·87 |
| 6 | — do— | 60 ml bottle | 9.16 | 7·89 |
| 7 | Metronidazole Suspension 160 mg/5ml | 90 ml bottle | 8.90 | 7·63 |